



Speech by

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**MEMBER FOR CALOUNDRA**

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### **TRIPCONY CARAVAN PARK SITE**

**Mrs SHELDON** (Caloundra—LP) (10.07 a.m.): I raise an issue that is of considerable concern to my local council and to the people on the Sunshine Coast. It involves the Tripcony caravan site. I quote from an attachment to the minutes of the council's recent meeting—an attachment that was sent down by the Government. It states—

"Both DSD and DNR"—

that is, the Department of State Development and the Department of Natural Resources—

"indicated interest in the designation and forward planning of the Tripcony Site. DNR's intention is to preserve the continuity of the lease of the site for caravan park/tourist uses for the balance of the term of the lease (approximately 8 years). DSD recognise opportunity for the Tripcony site in the 'Regional Core' to be intensely developed following the lease expiry of the existing caravan park."

The council is so concerned that at its meeting on 18 November 1999 it passed a resolution regarding removal of the Tripcony site from subprecinct A to the new subprecinct C and the amending of the table of development applying to the regional core to reflect the desired use of the area for open space and requiring all material change of use applications to be subject to impact assessment. I think it is vital that the Minister lets the Caloundra City Council do what it wishes to do with that site and not proceed with, as his own department has said, high density development. The people do not want high density development. I know that the Minister may want to sell the land for that purpose, but that is not what the people of the Sunshine Coast want.

The Tripcony caravan site is very important because it has an important estuarine element, incorporating the mouth of two creeks into Pumicestone Passage, and has mature trees. They are tuckeroo, cottonwood, fig and banksia. They are a valuable resource for our regional centre. The DCP states that the site is an important part of the open space and landscape system for the regional centre. It also states that the Tripcony site has significant—

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